

REMARKS

Claims 1-12,14- 18 and 21- 23 are pending in the application. Claims 13, 19 and 20 have been canceled.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by et al. (hereinafter "Neer").

Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled, accordingly this rejection is moot.

2. Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bendek et al. (hereinafter "Bendek").

Claim 19 has been canceled, accordingly this rejection is moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35USC 102(e)

1. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Fago et al (herein "Fago").

Double Patenting

1. Claim 1-17 and 19-21 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Claim 16-39 and 53 of U.S. Pat. No. 6652489 (herein "Trocki") under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith. Thus, reconsideration is requested.

2. Claims 1-17 and 19-21 stand rejected because they conflict with claims 13-21 of Application number 10/668673.

A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith. Reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner, indicate the allowability of the claims and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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